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**Sent:** Wed 10/28/2015 5:12:07 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Post-call follow-up RE: Discussion of 108b pilot projects  
Buckhorn Mountain Mine and Kettle River Tailings Facility.docx

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**From:** Marcy, Ken  
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**Subject:** RE: Post-call follow-up RE: Discussion of 108b pilot projects

Hey Ben, thanks for putting the meeting together - attached in the goals/objectives writeup - let me know if you need anything else. Ken

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**Subject:** Post-call follow-up RE: Discussion of 108b pilot projects

Thanks again for your participation, great ideas and willingness to help move this project forward, folks!

Follow-up items I have are:

Ben - continue investigating funds & advocate for the full \$50k.  
Ben - schedule another call, preferably on 10/26. Use a conference line with more capacity.  
Ken - now that the group has accepted your selections, please write and circulate to us a draft goal/objectives statement encompassing both sites. BY 5pm WEDS 10/21 (ok?) Please wait until

after our review to share with WA.

Doug--check with Van Houseman for metrics ideas & if you find any circulate to us . BY 5pm WEDS 10/21 (ok?)

Doug/Ken--send us whatever brief results write-ups that exist (don't create anything new) for Thompson Creek and Cripple Creek mines, so we can have those in mind.

Please send me edits on the above if any by 5pm EDT Tuesday 10/20.

Thanks,

Ben

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**From:** Lesser, Ben  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** Mahmud, Shahid; Kulpan, Bruce; Dixon, Douglas; Marcy, Ken  
**Subject:** RE: Discussion of 108b pilot projects

Draft agenda:

- 1) Call purpose/agenda review--Ben
- 2) Review lessons learned from the last pilot project--Doug
- 3) Review reasons for selection of the Buckhorn Mine and Kettle River Tailings Facility as pilot projects--Ken
- 4) Develop an objectives (goal) statement for this project--Ken/all
- 5) Develop metrics for this project to assure that we fulfill the objectives--Ken/all
- 6) Next steps and adjourn--Ben/all

(NOTE: Although half an hour isn't long enough for this discussion, that's what's available on calendars. If we don't complete our discussion today we can reschedule for noon (EDT) next Tuesday 10/20 or 10/26.)

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Lesser, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Mahmud, Shahid; Kulpan, Bruce; Dixon, Douglas; Marcy, Ken  
**Subject:** Discussion of 108b pilot projects  
**When:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** DCRoomPYN6781/DC-Potomac-Yard-North-OSW; CALL **Nonresponsive Conference Code**  
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During this meeting we will discuss Ken's proposed pilot projects (see below) and:

- 1) Review lessons learned from the last pilot project
- 2) Review reasons for selection of the Buckhorn Mine and Kettle River Tailings Facility as pilot projects
- 3) Develop an objectives (goal) statement for this project
- 4) Develop metrics for this project to assure that we fulfill the objectives

Although half an hour isn't long enough for this discussion, that's what's available on calendars. Both Bruce and Doug show tentative commitments during this time and I'm hoping that they can free themselves to engage with us so that we can move forward with this project. If not, we'll have to schedule for noon (EDT) next Tuesday or wait until 10/26 to meet.

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**From:** Lesser, Ben  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:26 AM  
**To:** Marcy, Ken; Kulpan, Bruce  
**Cc:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Ok. I will ask my budget folks about the missing \$ and see if we can get \$50k.

Ben

**From:** Marcy, Ken  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 6:18 PM  
**To:** Lesser, Ben; Kulpan, Bruce  
**Cc:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Ben - there were originally three sites - the Buckhorn/Kettle River, Grouse Creek, and Kinross Delamar. We decided to focus on the first site since GC and KD are only focused on FA for long term water treatment. The Buckhorn mine is an underground gold mine (several water quality violations) but processing and tailings disposal occur

about 50 miles away at the Kettle River site. R10 wants funding to complete an SI with analysis of release scenarios from the tailings facility - and a Financial Assurance cost estimate (Kuipers). We could spend a good 50K just on this site, if not more - so I'd like to request the full 50. Thanks, Ken

**From:** Lesser, Ben  
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**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Sorry--you've named them below. No third site, I assume? I think someone mentioned to me that there would be only two sites. Perhaps that decreases the need somewhat. Please let me know.

**From:** Lesser, Ben  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 5:19 PM  
**To:** Marcy, Ken; Kulpan, Bruce  
**Cc:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Ken,

The initial proposal was for \$75k (see attached.) My office's August execution report shows \$40k committed, \$35k remaining. The September report just shows \$35k. Someone has apparently been drawing down the funds, or perhaps they were shifted to another, more active, work assignment.

In any case, I don't recall the final pilot sites being chosen. If they have been chosen I would like to know what they are, and your schedule for committing (better yet, obligating) the remaining funds.

Also, need to know whether you, Bruce or Shahid knows where the \$40k has gone before I go asking my budget folks.

Thanks,

Ben

**From:** Marcy, Ken  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** Lesser, Ben; Kulpan, Bruce  
**Cc:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Ben- are you referring to the OECA enforcement initiative? My understanding was that we were getting 50K for this. We are targeting the Buckhorn Mine and Kettle River tailings facility (WA) for this project. I've been in contact with Washington State Department of Ecology, and looks like great timing - they are having difficulty with Kinross concerning getting FA in place - the iron is hot, so if we could nail down the timing on this, and get the \$ on our START contract, that would be great. We would want Kuipers and Associates for the FA piece - wondering if we work through the Skeo contract on that, or have START sub out to him.

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**Subject:** RE: 108b pilot projects

Bruce, has this \$35k been obligated?

Thanks,

Ben

**From:** Lesser, Ben  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** Marcy, Ken  
**Cc:** Mahmud, Shahid ([Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov](mailto:Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov))  
**Subject:** 108b pilot projects

Ken,

Following our phone conversation just now, I've attached as promised the funding proposal that was accepted for the FY15 operating plan.

I understand that you have now identified a couple of mines to serve as pilot sites and I look forward to learning their identities and, even more, to learning that the funds have been obligated to a contract so that the work can commence and the money is no longer at risk of being rescinded and used elsewhere.

With regards,

Ben

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